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1. Algeria

The new regime appears to have things under control.

There are no signs of any potentially effective opposition, although the protests of students at home and abroad have been vigorous. A rumored strike in Algiers has not come off.

Press reports say "hundreds" of Communists have been arrested. Communist newspapers in Rome and Paris are criticizing the regime, but Moscow has remained silent.

Prospects for the Afro-Asian Conference remain dubious. At least some of the foreign ministers will meet tomorrow, but several chiefs of state have already canceled plans to assemble on the 29th and others are hesitating.

Foreign Minister Bouteflika left hurriedly for Cairo today. There is speculation this may have to do with the disposition of Ben Bella, Nasir's longtime friend. The Egyptian press has suggested Cairo might offer asylum to the deposed president. Ethiopia has also offered asylum.

2. Dominican Republic

There is no confirmation from official reporting of press stories, attributed to the rebels, of an outbreak of fighting today in Santiago. The US Consulate there reported this morning that the situation was calm. The 72-hour nationwide strike called by the rebels yesterday has had no further repercussions, although one or two local strikes are still in progress.

The rebels appear unable to agree on how to respond to the proposals of the Organization of American States.

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3. Vietnam

The Ky government displayed its new, hard line today.

Early this morning it publicly executed a Viet Cong terrorist in Saigon. Six more are said to be awaiting the same fate as a warning to their kind and to political and economic speculators. Ky followed the execution with a belligerent speech threatening to use an "iron fist" against all such persons. Ky has assured US officials, however, that he will not execute the terrorist whose death the Viet Cong say would also mean the death of Gustav Hertz.

Foreign Minister Tran Van Do also spoke, outlining Saigon's conditions for peace. They include the withdrawal of Communist troops and cadres and an effective guarantee of South Vietnam's independence. Friendly troops would be withdrawn eventually, with Saigon reserving the right to recall them. All this is in line with plans discussed with US officials.

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4. France

A US official who recently visited the French missile test center in Algeria believes the French may try to orbit a small satellite during the next few weeks. Previous intelligence had indicated the French satellite launch vehicle "Diamant" would not be available until 1966.

For prestige reasons, however, the French might try a launch this year before the vehicle is fully tested.

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5. Bolivia

The new "Second Republic of Bolivia" announced last Sunday by co-Presidents Barrientos and Ovando could mean a complete reorganization of Bolivia's executive and legislature.

The announcement gave no details, but last month--during the labor and mine crisis--Ovando presented a scheme involving a thorough government shakeup, including a new president and assembly. Ovando believed his plan would give at least the appearance of a new start in solving Bolivia's many economic and social problems. It is not certain, however, that Ovando's plan has been completely bought.

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6. Ghana

Ghana's military plotters are procrastinating again.

7. Iraq

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